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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2002, Applicants provide the following response. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time and an authorization to charge the necessary fee.

The Requirement for Restriction

The Patent Office has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121, alleging that the claims are drawn to six patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of detecting Plasmodium malarial agent utilizing an LSU rRNA gene probe or primer, classified in class 435, subclass 6.